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CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE STANDARDS FOR NHS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any policy for construction and maintenance of National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the steps taken to maintain the prescribed standards for construction and thereafter maintenance of the same; and

(d) the authority responsible for ensuring maintenance of the standards prescribed in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b) The construction (development) of National Highways(NHs) is taken up based on the approved Five year plan and annual plans keeping in view the availability of funds, traffic density, condition of the road/ bridges, location and inter-se-priority of various works. Maintenance of NHs is taken up within the fund available on the basis of maintenance norms, severity of damage and inter-se priority of various works.

(c)& (d) The work of construction of NHs are entrusted to three agencies by the Ministry namely National Highways Authority of India, State Public Works Departments (PWDs) and Border Roads Organization. This Ministry has issued standards and specifications, Manual for construction, as well as guidelines (Ministry's Circulars) from time to time to ensure the prescribed norms are maintained at the time of construction and maintenance thereafter. A fixed percentage of the cost of the work is kept separately for the quality control during the execution of the works through the respective executing agencies.